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REMARKS

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1. During the period from 20 to 26 November 1950, no materiel arrived at the air force depot in Strausberg (N 53/V 15) and few shipments left the installation. Motor vehicles observed there included: trucks picking up boards; picking up desks; picking up new work benches and plywood; ambulance trucks and passenger car occupied by a major who inspected the depot for two days; truck loaded with sheet iron, cooling hoses, 2 or 3 meters long, for motors, pipes, etc. (1)
2. Jueterbog (N 52/E 69) is believed to be supplied by the depot in Strausberg, since a lieutenant from there repeatedly picked up materials at the depot. (2)
3. The installation work performed at Strausberg by German workers was supervised by a Senior Lieutenant (Tech) Mokulovski (fnu) and a German engineer named Werner (fnu).
4. Several shipments of materiel arrived during the period from 27 November to 1 December. Sixty PD-45 engines were unloaded from railroad cars on 29 November. (3) The partition between the airframe and engine sections had to be removed by Soviet soldiers and all German personnel employed at the depot, so as to give the traveling crane, used for the transportation of engines, access to this section of the warehouse. The work was accelerated as much as possible, presumably to be ready for the arrival of the 60 PD-45 engines mentioned. The engine storage section was filled to capacity with 150 to 200 engines. The 60 new engines were stored in the former airframe storage section. (4)
5. Three trucks with box-like bodies, presumably radio or workshop trucks, arrived at the Strausberg Kleinbahnhof on 29 November. These trucks were towed to the depot. Three railroad tankcars with aviation gasoline were unloaded at the Kleinbahnhof on 30 November and the gasoline was then trucked to the field. Motor vehicles picking up material at the depot during the period from 27 November to 1 December included: truck loaded with iron rods and brass; (The officer riding in this truck stated that he had to travel 200 km); truck loaded with tires and boxes; ambulance

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[redacted] Truck [redacted] arrived from the direction of Alt-Landsberg. Two horses were in the truck and a lawn mower was seen in the trailer.

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6. During the period from 4 to 9 December, the volume of incoming and outgoing shipments at the air force depot in Strausberg was small. Trucks observed at the depot included:

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[redacted] Passenger car E 3-30-00, last seen at the depot on 9 October, when the installation was inspected by an air force colonel and three other officers, was again seen. (5)

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7. Sixty PD-45 engines were stored in the former airframe storage section and ninety PD-45 engines, in addition to twenty-four AM-42 engines, were stored in the engine store room of the installation. (6) The number of other type engines seen in the engine store room was estimated at 40 to 50.
8. No incoming shipments were observed at the depot during the period from 11 to 21 December. On 15 December, 15 freight cars were loaded with boxes at the depot. The boxes measured 200x50x50 cm. No details were available on the contents or the receiver of these boxes.

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- Field Comments.
- (1) Trucks [redacted] belong to units of the Fighter Corps Headquarters in Doberitz; truck [redacted] ground unit of a ground attack regiment in Doberitz; truck [redacted] ground unit of a ground attack regiment in Koethen; trucks [redacted] a ground unit of a bomber regiment in Finsterwalde; and [redacted] ground unit of a bomber regiment in Werneuchen.
- (2) This statement indicates that the former German air force depot in Jueterbog, which was partly destroyed and then dismantled, has not been reconstructed.
- (3) PD-45 is believed to be the type designation for the turbine power plant of the Mig-15s.
- (4) According to this estimate, the total of reserve engines available for air units of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army seems to amount only to about 20 percent of the engines installed in aircraft. No other air force supply depot is known in the Soviet Zone of Germany.
- (5) Truck [redacted] belongs to a ground unit of a ground attack regiment in Jueterbog; truck [redacted] to a ground unit of a bomber regiment in Cottbus; truck [redacted] to a ground unit in Jueterbog; and truck [redacted] to a ground unit of the Southern Fighter Corps.
- (6) These figures are believed to be correct. The reserve of PD-45 turbines amounts to approximately 150 units for a total of about 750 Mig-15s in use with tactical units, i.e., 20 percent. The available reserve of piston engines is below this percentage unless additional reserves are in the possession of air units.
- (7) Truck [redacted] belongs to a unit in Wittstock; [redacted] to a ground unit of the ground attack regiment in Doberitz; [redacted] to the Northern Fighter Corps; [redacted] to a fighter regiment in Finow or Oranienburg; [redacted] to the CA Corps HQ in Falkensee; [redacted] Southern Fighter Corps; [redacted] ground unit in Finsterwalde; and [redacted] ground unit in Cottbus.

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